

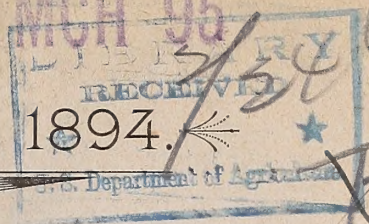
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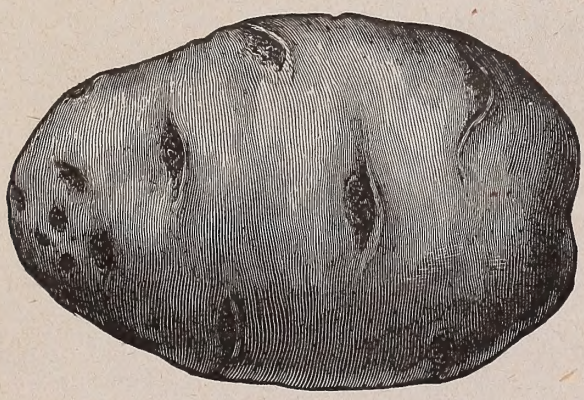


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LEND US YOUR EARS !

✱ **A**S, to attempt to paint the lily or to gild refined gold is everywhere considered to be the acme of folly, so it is largely a work of supererogation for us to dwell at length upon the merits of the *Aroostook County, Maine, Seed Potatoes*, which we handle. Certainly this will be true wherever this Seed is known, but as it may very well happen that this circular will fall into the hands of some who have not used the Aroostook County Seed, we will briefly describe this Seed and the mode of its selection for their benefit.

You will, of course, bear in mind that we are offering you nothing in the way of Seed Potatoes except those varieties that have stood the test of practical every-day farming for a series of years. There are none of those so-called fancy varieties among them, of which it can be truly said that they have no valuable attribute except the price. Every potato in our list is a money getter for the farmer, and we are catering for the trade of those farmers who are in the business for profit. Such farmers are looking for good croppers and first-class market potatoes; and these are exactly the qualities which the Aroostook County Seed possesses in a greater degree than any other seed of which we have knowledge.

It is an indisputable fact that the most vigorous, healthy and pure seed produced in the United States is grown in Aroostook County, Maine. This fact is easily accounted for by the natural advantage which attaches to this locality in the 46,000 acres of its fertile soil, which is especially adapted to the culture of the potato. There are also fifty starch factories located in the county which furnish a ready market for all of the poor and inferior tubers. Beside these advantages natural and acquired, Aroostook County is equipped with ample railroad facilities. It also has the Eastman Heater Car Co., and Frost Proof Car Co., service, so that the product of its fields can be marketed regardless of the season.

It is however in assorting and selecting their seed potatoes that the farmers of Aroostook County take special care. The stock designed for seed purposes is carefully selected in the Fall, and stored in underground apartments, where the temperature is so regulated as to keep the tubers in a dormant condition until wanted for planting in the spring.

We buy all of our Potatoes direct from the farms, and by buying the season through, we have the advantage of contracting for all choice seed lots at market price and have them held for us until needed; so that in ordering seed from us you are certain to get the best that grows.

We catalogue only those varieties that experience has proven worthy and we know of no better name with which to head the list than that old stand-by which since 1863 has been recognized as the *ne plus ultra* of Potatoes.

The Houlton Early Rose.

This potato has led the list for the last 31 years and is to-day the best early market potato. Our seed of this variety is grown on the new land of Aroostook Co., is rugged and pure and produces as good crops as those which made the Early Rose famous in its early years. Remember that our Rose is not to be confounded with the old run-out Rose grown in other sections.

Price \$3.50 per Barrel.

The Early Beauty of Hebron.

This is the only variety that has ever been a formidable rival of the Early Rose. It is a very handsome potato, is a sure cropper, its cooking qualities are excellent and it commands 10 cents more per bushel in this and Boston market for cooking purposes the season through than any other variety. In most sections this variety has been mixed with the variety known as the White Elephant, and where this mixture has been used for seed, it has not given satisfactory results, but our seed of this variety is pure and can be depended upon.

Price \$3.50 per Barrel.

The King of the Early.

This potato originated in Northern Vermont from a seedling of the Early Rose, and wherever it has been given a fair trial has proven to be a good cropper and to mature very early—from 7 to 10 days before the Early Rose. This variety very much resembles the Early Rose, so much so that it is with difficulty that they are distinguished from each other when grown.

Price \$4.00 per Barrel.

The New Queen.

This new variety has proven itself to be possessed of all the good qualities claimed for it by its originators. It closely resembles the Beauty of Hebron in appearance, but matures from 7 days to 10 days earlier than that variety. Our seed of this variety comes from Caribou, Maine, where it originated, and is pure and true to name.

Price \$4.00 per Barrel.

Clark's No. 1.

This is an excellent potato; it resembles the Early Rose, and its friends claim that it matures earlier and is a better cropper than that variety. We think, too, that this variety is steadily growing in favor, for we have been unable to supply the demand for it during the past two years. We have made arrangements however this season for what we believe will be an adequate supply of pure seed of this variety.

Price \$4.00 per Barrel.

The Early Maine.

This variety is a Seedling of the Early Rose, and in some sections where the latter variety has failed to do well we have reports of big results from the Early Maine. The tubers are rugged and healthy and you will make no mistake in planting this variety.

Price \$4.00 per Barrel.

The Bliss Triumph or Stray Beauty.

We believe these two names to represent the same variety of potato. It is a round smooth, red skinned, white meated, and splendid cooking potato. It matures early and is a large yielder. It stands shipping well and this quality has enabled it to achieve some splendid results, especially in the South.

Price \$4.00 per Barrel.

We consider the preceding varieties to be the best early sorts; below we name the best late varieties.

The Dakota Red.

This is the most prolific yielder of which we have any knowledge. It is a very hardy variety and is capable of being forced by heavy fertilizing to produce mammoth crops. This fact has gained for it an enviable reputation as a cropper. It is moreover a potato that matures between the early and late varieties and on this account has been highly esteemed as a market potato. It is a splendid cooker.

Price \$3.00 per Barrel.

The Burbank Seedling.

This is an old reliable variety and is A No. 1 for a late, large-yielding, good-keeping potato, and for table use after January 1st, is one of the best.

Price \$3.00 per Barrel.

The White Star.

This is a first class late potato, handsome in appearance and in our opinion a better cooker than the Burbank. We consider it to be the best white potato grown.

Price \$3.50 per Barrel.

The Thorburn.

This variety is a seedling from the Early Beauty of Hebron, which it closely resembles in shape and color, but it is claimed for it that it is a better yielder than its parent.

Price \$4.00 per Barrel.

The White Elephant.

This potato is own sister to the Beauty of Hebron and is a very productive late potato. It grows large size, no small ones and is of very handsome appearance. Remarks regarding danger of mixture, noted above, apply equally here and our seed of this variety is absolutely pure and can be depended on.

Price \$4.00 per Barrel.

The Early Norther.

This superb New Early Potato originated at Caribou, Maine. In shape and color it resembles the "Early Rose" and matures fully as early as does this latter variety. Mr. Jerrard, the originator of the "Early Northern," says of it: "In point of yield it nearly doubles the 'Early Rose' and is probably the best early potato on the market to-day." Our stock of this variety is from Caribou, Maine, and is pure and true to name.

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Our SEED is packed in clean, full size, round hoop barrels, solid full, and double-headed; or if you prefer we will ship in bags. Cash must accompany order to secure attention for same and remittances may be by Postal Note, P. O. Order, Express Order, Bank Draft or Registered Letter.

Soliciting the favor of your orders, which shall receive our prompt and careful attention, we have the honor to remain,

Your very obedient servants,

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Of Interest to Farmers

Crimson Clover.—Although not a new plant, this is not nearly as well known on the Pacific Coast as it should be, ranking, as it does, among the best of forage plants. It is an annual, and when ripe to cut for hay or seed it never starts again; but when sown early in the Summer on good land, if it has made a good growth, it can be pastured without harm during the Fall and Winter, and still make a good crop of hay at the usual time. It is a very rank grower, some stools counting as many as 120 to 140 blossoms from one seed. It grows to the height of twenty to twenty-four inches, and roots deep even in poor soil. It will grow and make a heavy crop of hay on land so poor that the common clover would do but little. It grows late in the Fall, early in the Spring, and in warm spells in Winter when red clover will not think of starting.

When land has been plowed and harrowed well, there is no better way than to sow seed and then go over with a plank drag. This is much better than a roller. Sow seed and then harrow, but not too deep. This generally gives a good stand.

A large grower who has for several years put up from twenty to fifty tons of it for hay, has this to say of it:

"I consider that Crimson Clover is one of the most profitable crops I can grow, either for plowing under to improve land or to cure for hay. I consider a ton of it equal to same quantity of the best timothy, or any other kind of hay. I can get as much milk by feeding Crimson Clover hay alone as with corn fodder and a liberal allowance of grain. Horses keep in better condition on Crimson Clover than on any other feed known, PROVIDED IT IS CUT AT THE PROPER TIME, WHICH IS AS SOON AS IN FULL BLOOM. It needs curing in the field from five to seven days before putting in the barn; then it will keep bright and free from dust. It should be put in wind rows or small heaps the second day after cutting in good weather, to prevent shedding of leaves and blossoms."

Another practical farmer says:

"Scarlet or Crimson Clover has been found to be a very profitable crop, and consequently a very popular one, in the Middle States, both on rich and poor lands. It is seeded at any time from June till October, making the earliest possible Spring pasturage, and blooming the latter part of April or the first of May, and for feeding as hay should be cut when in full bloom. I regard it as a godsend—a veritable gold mine to this section of the country, and believe that it is only a question of time when every State in the Union that CAN, WILL GROW IT."

The quantity of seed to sow per acre is from 10 to 15 pounds, 10 pounds being enough to sow in peach, apple or pear orchard, where the ground has been properly prepared.

Price, 20 cents per pound by mail; by express or freight, at purchaser's expense, \$10.00 per 100 pounds.

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